

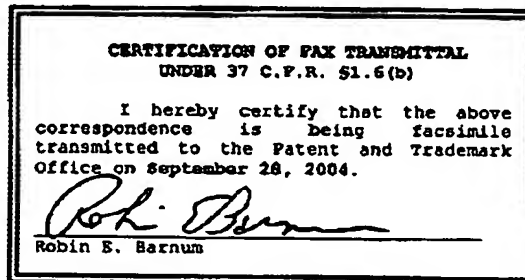
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Smith  
Serial No.: 10/077,228  
Filed: February 15, 2002  
For: ARBITRATION IN LOCAL SYSTEM FOR ACCESS TO MEMORY IN A DISTANT SUBSYSTEM

Art Unit: 2112  
Examiner: Trisha U. Vu  
Docket: TI-30704

PRIOR ART STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)  
PETITION AND FEE REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully petitions for consideration of this prior art statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c). This prior art statement is submitted following a first OFFICE ACTION on the merits of this application but before final action under 37 CFR 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 CFR 1.311. **Please charge the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) of \$180 to Texas Instruments Incorporated Deposit Account No. 20-0668.**

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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